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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This submission is in response to the November 13, 2008, office action, imposing a written restriction requirement. This response is being filed with a Petition for a One Month Extension of Time, and is therefore timely.

In response to the restriction requirement, applicants hereby elect Group I (i.e., claims 1, 3-18, 27-29, and 33-37) with traverse. (It is assumed the listing of claim 19 in Group I is a typographical error on page 2 of the office action.) Applicants traverse the restriction on the basis that the subject matter of Group II is related to the subject matter of Group I as a combination-subcombination. Specifically, the subject matter of Group II requires the particulars of Group I, i.e., claim 19 depends from claim 1. As such, there is no additional burden to search and examine Group II along with Group I. For these reasons, withdrawal of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested.

If any further action is required by the applicants, then the applicants invite the examiner to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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